GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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SPORTS IN CONCURRENT LISTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to include Sports in the Concurrent List of the Constitution is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the final decision would be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): A Constitutional Amendment Bill for the transfer of the entry of sports from the State List to the Concurrent List was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 24.11.1988, but was not pursued although it was indicated to cabinet that a majority of State Governments had approved the proposal.The draft Comprehensive National Sports Policy reiterates the need to transfer the subject of `Sports` from the State List to the Concurrent List in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The draft is in the consultative process.

(d) It is not possible to fix a time-frame for finalization of this proposal as detailed discussions are at present underway with all stakeholders, including State Governments.